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FM AMEMBASSY NASSAU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6626

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E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: CODEL AND GCOB VIPS VISIT HYDROLAB IN FREEPORT

DEPT FOR H, ARA FOR MGT

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED LATE APRIL 14 BY NOAA REPRESENTATIVE FINKEL WHO CALLED FROM FREEPORT TO NOTIFY EMBASSY OF PLANNED ARRIVAL OF CODEL THIS WEEKEND. MR. FINKEL APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING ALERTED EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT CODEL WILL VISIT NOAA PROJECT OPERATING OUT OF UNDERWATER HYDROLAB FACILITIES NEAR FREEPORT. CODEL REPORTEDLY WILL INCLUDE CONG. BILL ALEXANDER, CONG. MOSHER, CONG. BILL YOUNG, CONG. JOHN MURPHY, MEMBERS OF SENATOR HOLLINGS STAFF, PROBABLY SENATOR WEICKER, POSSIBLY SENATORS MATHIAS AND TUNNEY, AND VARIOUS NOAA OFFICIALS. NOAA HAS EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO GCOB PRIME MINISTER PINDLING AND TO FREEPORT MP NOTTAGE TO ATTEND A RECEPTION AND DINNER EVENING OF APRIL 18, AT WHICH TIME NOAA WILL BRIEF THEM AND CODEL ON FREEPORT PROJECT, AND EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THEY HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATION.

3. NOAA HAS INVITED EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN FREEPORT VISIT, PARTICULARLY EVENTS SCHEDULED EVENING OF APRIL 18. EMBASSY EXPLAINED THAT WHILE IT WOULD LIKE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO FREEPORT, THERE ARE NO LOCAL TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE. DESPITE UNAVAILABILITY OF SUCH FUNDS, EMBASSY BELIEVES

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THAT IN VIEW OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF CODEL, AND PARTICU-

LARLY PRESENCE OF PM PINDLING, EMBASSY SHOULD BE REPRESENTED
IN FREEPORT AND TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED
FOR SUCH A VISIT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) CONFIRM COMPOSITION OF CODEL AS
REPORTED PARA 2, ABOVE, TOGETHER WITH TRAVEL PLANS AND OTHER
DETAILS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT; (B) AUTHORIZE TRAVEL BY ONE
EMBASSY OFFICER DEPARTING NASSAU O/A APRIL 18, RETURNING FROM
FREEPORT TO NASSAU O/A APRIL 19.
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